[President.]

PROCEDURE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

Order, order. The discussion on the Budget will now be commenced. But before doing so, I shall make an announcement.

The debate on the budget will begin today with a general discussion followed by the votting of demands for grants from tomorrow. The maximum of four days allowed under Rule 74 of the Legislative Rules has been allotted for the latter. The demands will be discussed in the order in which they appear in the printed list placed in your hands. The Demands under III—Public Works Department, including Water Works and Drainage, and X—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income, may each be discussed for two hours, and not more than one hour will be allotted for each of the remaining demands. If the time taken up for questions and answers is less than an hour, the remaining time will also be available to the House for the voting of demands, but such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any one demand, and will only enable the House to reach more demands.

Honourable Members of the Council are, of course, aware that they should discuss each demand as a whole, and vote upon it as a whole, without moving for the reduction of any grant or of any item in a grant. To enable the discussion of each demand in the Council, it is not necessary that the members should send in any specific motion, and the Council will have the right to assent or refuse its assent to any demand when it is put to the House.

During the general discussion no member other than the Financial Secretary will be allowed more than 15 minutes, and in the votting of demands for grants the time-limit for speeches for members will be 10 minutes. I hope honourable members will so adjust their speeches as to make it possible for a large number of their colleagues including the official members to participate in the debate.

ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEES.

There is another announcement to make. The House will have to elect 2 members to the University Senate, 1 member to the Standing Finance Committee, 1 member to the Public Accounts Committee for 1120, 2 members to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee, 1 member to the Transport Advisory Committee, 4 members to the Economic Development Board and 2 members to the Food Control Advisory Committee. The elections to the Senate,

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Finance Committee, Accounts Committee, P. W. D. Advisory Committee and Transport Advisory Committee will take place on Tuesday the 12th September 1944, and the elections to the Economic Development Board and the Food Control Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday the 13th September 1944. The elections will be held as usual after the business of the day is over, under the Chairmanship of one of the Panel of Chairmen. The ordinary system of voting by ballot will be adopted.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

Demand.	Amount in Rupees.	Particulars.
I. 1. Customs.	575	For Anchal Charges.
2. Excise	1,728	do.
do.	4,318	For pay of menials of the Excise Department.
do.	220	For payment of rent to the Excise Division Offices.
do. (a) Superintendence	1,300	For travelling allowance
do.	850	For telephone charges under contingencies.
do.	1,450	For office expenses and miscellaneous and tour charges.
do.	7,000	For equipment and clothing —contingencies.

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